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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7256

BILL NUMBER: SB 506

DATE PREPARED: Mar 18, 2002

BILL AMENDED: Mar 14, 2002

SUBJECT: Electronic Distribution of Legislative Documents.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

STATE IMPACT	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
State Revenues			
State Expenditures		(328,660)	(328,660)
Net Increase (Decrease)		328,660	328,660

Summary of Legislation: (CCR Amended) This bill specifies that certain legislative documents are to be distributed in electronic format unless the Legislative Council, the principal secretary of the Senate, or the principal clerk of the House of Representatives directs that paper copies be used. It provides that any unused appropriations made for the purpose of printing and distributing legislative documents shall be transferred by the director of Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to a nonreverting fund.

The bill also requires state agencies that: (1) are required by law to produce an annual or other report for the entire General Assembly or for the Legislative Council or LSA; or (2) voluntarily produce a report for the entire General Assembly or for the Legislative Council or LSA; submit the report in electronic form instead of sending paper copies. It requires the submitting agency to cause the report to be electronically mailed to each legislator and posted on the Internet. The bill also requires the LSA to periodically compile all of the reports received from state agencies on a CD-ROM or other electronic medium for distribution to members of the General Assembly. It requires the LSA to prepare legislation for the 2003 regular session to make conforming amendments to statutes that contain annual report requirements.

Effective Date: (CCR Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *Distribution of Legislative Documents:* The bill requires that

the Indiana Code, Indiana Register, the Legislative Acts, Indiana Administrative Code, Indiana Register, House Journal, and the Senate Journal be distributed in an electronic format. The bill also provides that the Legislative Services Agency shall post the documents on the Internet. The bill applies to documents distributed to state and local government officers, departments, agencies, boards and commissions, public libraries, state educational institutions, and the general public.

The Legislative Services Agency was appropriated \$498,000 for FY 2002 and \$542,000 for FY 2003 to print the documents described above. Printing costs increase when the Indiana Code is printed every five years and when the Indiana Administrative Code is printed every four years. The estimated average annual cost over the entire printing cycle is about \$692,530. The use of the electronic format would significantly reduce the cost of distributing the documents. The annual cost of providing the documents in electronic format is estimated to be \$363,870. The average annual General Fund saving over the publication cycle is about \$328,660. This bill allows any unused appropriations to be transferred to a nonreverting fund.

Reports Submitted to Legislature: The number of reports sent to the General Assembly and the Legislative Council will vary from year to year. Statute specifies that about 40 reports are to be sent to the General Assembly or the Legislative Council. The bill should reduce the printing and postage costs for state agencies since the reports would be sent to the members' Senate or House of Representatives electronic mail address. The posting of the reports by the agencies on the Internet could create a minimal expense if the agency does not currently have computer capabilities. However, most state agencies do have the ability to post reports on the Internet.

LSA would have minimal expense associated with the compiling of the report on a CD-ROM or other suitable storage medium.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected:

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